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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT TO LUSAKA BY WAYNE FREDERICKS

- I. WAYNE FREDERICKS OF FORD MOTOR COMPANY HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH DEPARTMENT REGARDING A POSSIBLE VISIT TO LUSAKA CA. JANUARY 20-2I.
- 2. ACCORDING TO FREDERICKS, HENRY FORD II WAS BE-LATEDLY INVITED BY PRESIDENT KAUNDA TO INCLUDE ZAMBIA ON THE ITINERARY FOR HIS JANUARY VISIT TO AFRICA. FORD DID NOT WISH TO CHANGE HIS PLANS AT THIS LATE DATE, AND HAS POLITELY BEGGED OFF. FREDERICKS, HOWEVER, THINKS IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO STOP OFF IN LUSAKA (AND PRESUMABLY SEE KAUNDA) AFTER FORD VISITS SOUTH AFRICA. IN ADDITION TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HIS PERSONAL INTEREST IN SUCH A VISIT, FREDERICKS ALSO FEELS THAT THERE MIGHT BE A NEED TO EXPLAIN TO THE ZAMBIANS ABOUT THE SOUTH AFRICAN VISIT, DEPENDING ON HOW VORSTER PLAYS IT IN PUBLIC.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS TOLD FREDERICKS THAT WE BELIEVE SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE A REASONABLE IDEA. HE HAS PROMISED TO CON-

FIRM HIS TRAVEL PLANS WITH US LATER, AND MAY WANT HELP IN SETTING A KAUNDA APPOINTMENT. WE WILL ADVISE. VANCE

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